

Prayer List

Kenny Even, Doris Reyes Fernandez, Marc Genua, Ashleigh Green, Alice Hall, Amanda Hatcher, Philip Hutton, Kim Johnson, Norman Lee, Mary Lynn McAleer, Tony Priola, Chris Ragle, Norma Ragle, Ronald Russell, Tim Smith, Sheila Sollars, Jonathan Thawley, Jim and Carole Turk, Louise Walker, Abby Yarlequé.

- Early Phillips is recovering at Parkwest after successful surgery on Wednesday.
- Ella Green will have surgery April 25th.
- Tresa Snyder will have surgery April 27th.
- Gordon Hatcher's (Charles' father) biopsy results showed some cancerous cells. They have not decided yet how it will be treated.

Announcements

Men's Meeting will be Monday, May 2nd, at 7PM.

The Numbers

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| Attendance | Sunday, April 17 | 20/20/20 |
| | Wednesday, April 20 | 22 |
| Offering | Sunday, April 17 | \$739.00 |

Those Serving

Prayer Before Sunday Classes Barry Simmons

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements & Prayer Tommy Sanders
Songs Keith Keever
Sermon Brad Green
Lord's Supper & Contribution Charles Hatcher
Assistants Levy Cox and Donald Shipley
Closing Prayer Lance Green

Sunday Afternoon Worship

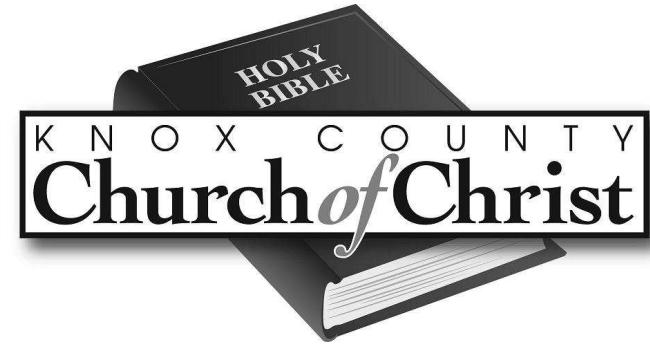
First Prayer Barry Simmons
Songs David Snyder
Sermon Brad Green
Lord's Supper Tommy Sanders
Closing Prayer Donald Shipley

Wednesday Night

Songs James Hutton
First Prayer Keith Keever
Devotional David Snyder
Closing Prayer Charles Hatcher

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Meeting Location:
130 Mabry Hood Road
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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study.....9:30 AM
Worship.....10:30AM & 1:30 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00 PM



From The Preacher's Pen

“WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?”

A certain lawyer, seeking to tempt Jesus, asked, “who is my neighbour?” (Luke 10:29). The lawyer could have been quibbling with Jesus in an attempt to claim that an appeal to the mere “words” of the Law could not answer the lawyer’s initial question, “what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” (Luke 10:25). The following parable given by Jesus, however, seems to imply that the problem lies with the lawyer’s definition of “neighbor,” which he seems to confine only to his Jewish brethren and thus excludes all other nationalities.

A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, and went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves? And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise (Luke 10:30-37).

The two men who were considered “neighbors,” by the lawyer’s definition, would have nothing to

do with one of their own countrymen who was in dire need. Contrariwise, a Samaritan, considered “most despised and detested” (Matthew Henry’s Commentary) by the Jews, had compassion on the man in need with no prejudice. The Samaritan did not study the man to determine his nationality, he simply stopped in order to give all the help that he could. The parable answered two questions: 1) “Who is *my* neighbor?” or, *who* is it that I am to love as myself (Luke 10:27), and 2) “Who is *a* neighbor?” or, according to God, *what* is it that characterizes an individual as a neighbor. The parable defines a neighbor as anyone who is in need, answering question #1, while at the same time defining a neighbor as one who has mercy and compassion for others and acts accordingly, which answers question #2. The man who fell among thieves was not a fellow countryman of the Samaritan, but he was a man in need. The Samaritan was not one with whom Jews would normally have anything to do, but he was a man who was willing to help another.

Many define the word “neighbor” in different ways. Perhaps the most common definition ascribed is that of one who lives next door or nearby. The Bible, however, does not limit the term’s definition to merely that of location. God attributes certain characteristics to one who is considered a neighbor. In the example above, the one who “was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves” was “he that shewed mercy.” A neighbor then, is merciful and compassionate. Let us look at just a few qualities of a Scriptural neighbor:

- A neighbor *will not* “bear false witness” against another (Exo. 20:11; Psa. 101:5).

Welcome Visitors

We’re glad you are with us today. Feel free to ask us any questions you may have. We look forward to getting to know you better.

- A neighbor *will not deceive* another (Pro. 26:18-19; 29:5).
- A neighbor *will love* others (Jam. 2:8).
- A neighbor *will* love others enough to *rebuke* their public sin that they may be saved in the end (Lev. 19:17-18).
- A neighbor *will* “shew mercy” (Luke 10:37).
- A neighbor *will* only *speak the truth* (Zec. 8:16; Eph. 4:25).

We all desire that men treat us neighborly – “Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them” (Mat. 7:12). If we want men to be good neighbors towards us, we need to be good neighbors ourselves. Let us follow the Biblical pattern for being good neighbors one to another and in so doing we shall glorify God (Mat. 5:16) and win souls to Christ. “Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee” (1 Tim. 4:16).

--*Brad Green*

Gospel Meeting

The time for our Gospel Meeting with brother Kent Bailey is fast approaching! It begins on Sunday, May 15th and goes through Wednesday, May 18th.

Invitations have been printed. Please pick some up and give them to family, neighbors, co-workers, friends, and anyone else you may meet. Thanks for helping make our upcoming meeting a success!